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### 1. KOREA

SCOTT-STOKES (NYT SEOUL) CITES WESTERN DIPLOMATS WHO SAY KIM DONG JO NOW LIKELY RETURN WASHINGTON/TESTIFY IN INFLUENCE-BUYING INVESTIGATION. BLUE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, COUNTERED REMARKS, SAYING KIM "HAS NO PLANS" TESTIFY IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING DIPLO SPECULATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLO IMMUNITY COULD BE CIRCUMVENTED IF KIM AGREES TESTIFY AS PRIVATE CITIZEN. SCOTT-STOKES SPECULATES BRZEZINSKI'S SEOUL VISIT LAST WK MAY HAVE MADE KOREANS MORE RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF ALLOWING KIM TESTIFY.

FORMER REP PASSMAN (D-LA) GRANTED INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT IN HEARING ON WHETHER HE IS WELL ENOUGH STAND TRIAL ON BRIBERY CHARGES IN KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL. ILLNESS CITED AS CAUSE FOR POSTPONEMENT (AP, NYT).

## 2. PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING LUPITA CONCIO--AQUINO'S SISTER--MARCOS HAS CRACKED DOWN, EVEN ON JAILED DISSIDENTS, SINCE ELECTION. SAYS PRISON AUTHORITIES HAVE BEGUN PADLOCK AQUINO'S ROOM EACH NIGHT/HAVE BEGUN ESCORT HIM DURING EXERCISE PERIOD IN GROUPS OF 5 OR 6. CONCIO HERSELF ALSO SUFFERING: AFTER ELECTIONS, GOP WITHDREW ITS NOMINATION FOR HER AWARD-WINNING FILM TO BE SCREENED AT USSR INTL FILM FESTIVAL/ALSO TOLD HER SHE COULD NOT RETURN TO JOB DIRECTING WEEKLY TV SERIES (PHINQ).

IN 1ST OF SERIES, JOC'S AMERMAN (MANILA) VIEWS PHIL ECONOMY. FINDS DESPITE DISPUTE OVER MARCOS RULE/HUMAN RIGHTS, PHILS ECON GROWING AT HEALTHY PACE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, NOTES BOOMING TOURISM/SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INDUSTRIALIZATION.

GOP REVERSES OPINION AGAIN, SAYING PRIMITIVE TRIBE OF CAVE DWELLERS DISCOVERED ON PALAWAN 2 WKS AGO IS INDEED HITHERTO UNKNOWN GROUP AND NOT GROUP WHICH HAD BEEN KNOWN AT LEAST 15 YRS (REUTER MANILA 5/30).  
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## 3. PHILIPPINES/CHINA

TREASURY FINDS 7 COUNTIRES--INCL PHILS/ROC--ARE SUBSIDIZING TEXTILE/MEN'S/BOY'S APPAREL IMPORTS INTO US. IF SUSTAINED, FINDING WILL BRING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON THIS 700-MIL-DOL PER YR IMPORT INDUSTRY (LAWRENCE, JOC).

## 4. CHINA

NSC SPOKESMAN DENIED 5/30 "ASAHI SHIMBUN" REPORT THAT US HAD OFFERED GIVE ARMS TO PRC IN RETURN FOR CONCESSIONS IN PRC'S STAND ON TAIWAN. SPOKESMAN STATED, "STORY IS TOTALLY INCORRECT" (REUTER 5/30).

MORITZ (CSM HK) CITES "KYODO" INTERVIEW W/SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS DECLARED PRC WILL NOT LIBERATE TAIWAN BY FORCE IF US ACCEPTS CHINA'S 3 CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION. COMMENTS MADE BY NATL PEOPLE'S CONGRESSMAN CHEN I-SUNG, WHO TERMED REMARKS "PERSONAL OPINION." CHEN ALSO SAID PRES CARTER WILL VISIT PEKING, POSSIBLY BY YR'S END.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) REPORTS CONFUCIUS MAKING COMEBACK IN PRC, AFTER SUFFERING "VERY BAD PRESS" OVER LAST FEW YRS. REMARKS CONFUCIUS' ADMIRERS HAVE PERSUADED "PD" ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVEN MAO ADMIRE CONFUCIUS' ABILITY

"INQUIRE INTO EVERYTHING."

5. HONG KONG

HK'S 1ST TRADE PROMO INTO LATIN AMER REPORTEDLY OFF TO GOOD START. SOURCES SAY FOLLOWING TALKS W/MEXICAN OFFICIALS, HK HAS DECIDED SET UP PERMANENT COMMISSION IN MEXICO TO PROBE TRADE POSSIBILITIES (JOC HK).  
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6. JAPAN

CITING CONTINUED YEN APPRECIATION/GOJ'S EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, NIPPON STEEL/NISSAN MOTORS BOTH REPORT LOWER PROFITS IN FY'77. NIPPON SALES OFF 45 PCT OVER LAST YR/NISSAN'S EARNINGS OFF 5.4 PCT DESPITE 11 PCT INCREASE IN SALES (WSJ; NYT; REUTER TOKYO 5/30).

JAPAN'S POLICE CHIEF ASANUMA RESIGNS FOLLOWING WIDESPREAD CRITICISM OVER LEFTWING EXTREMISTS' SUCCESS IN DELAYING NARITA AIRPORT OPENING (REUTER TOKYO).

7. AUSTRALIA

GLOBE RUNS AP FOTO RALPH HARRY--AUSSIE AMB TO UN--HOLDING BOX OF RUBBLE FROM HIROSHIMA PRESENTED BY DEMONSTRATOR AT NY ANTI-NUKE RALLY (5/29).

8. VIETNAM

ACCORDING AP'S LEDERER (HK, PHINQ), PARIS-BASED CHASE MANHATTAN BANK EXEC RIDGWAY BREWSTER KNIGHT MADE SECRET TRIP TO HANOI LAST MONTH/MET W/TOP VIET OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NORMALIZATION RELS W/US. QUOTES SOURCES THAT KNIGHT SPENT WK IN SRV/RETURNED W/MESSAGE FOR PRES CARTER CONTAINING SEVERAL USG SUGGESTIONS FOR RELAXING US TRADE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST SRV. QUOTES BANK SPOKESMAN THAT KNIGHT MADE "EXPLORATORY" TRIP ON BANK BUSINESS. SAYS NOT CLEAR IF TRIP MADE W/TACIT APPROVAL CARTER ADMIN OR WAS PROJECT OF CHASE MANHATTAN PRES ROCKEFELLER. WP NEWS ITEM CITES DENIAL BY EA'S CANNON THAT KNIGHT CARRIED ANY CARTER MESSAGE TO SRV OR WAS IN ANY WAY NEGOTIATING ON BEHALF USG  
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WHILE IN VN.

NIXON INVITED 273 FORMER VIET POWS TO SAN CLEMENTE 5/27 FOR 1ST BIG BASH AT CASA PACIFICA SINCE HE RESIGNED PRESIDENCY. WIVES/GIRLFRIENDS/OTHER GUESTS ALSO INVITED TO GATHERING OF ABOUT 550 ON ESTATE GROUNDS. POWS, HOLDING CONVENTION IN

LA TO OBSERVE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR RELEASE, CHARTERED BUSES TO TRAVEL TO SAN CLEMENTE FOR RECEPTION. EX-PRES HAD COPIES OF HIS MEMOIRS FOR EACH POW. NIXON AIDE SAID RECEPTION GREW OUT OF REQUEST BY SOME POWS TO PAY NIXON

VISIT (UPI, GLOBE 5/28).

#### 9. VIETNAM/CHINA

SRV CHARGED PRC TUES W/TRYING SABOTAGE ITS ALREADY TROUBLED ECON--APPARENTLY CONFIRMING REPORTS THAT PEKING HAS CUT OFF AT LEAST SOME AID TO HANOI IN RETALIATION FOR ALLEGED PERSECUTION OF ETHNIC CHINESE. WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS RADIO HANOI, IN WHAT APPEARED ITS MOST DIRECT ATTACK ON PRC, SAID "SLANDEROUS PROPAGANDA" DISPENSED BY PEKING WAS DESIGNED HURT SRV'S EFFORT RECOVER FROM RAVAGES OF LONG WAR. QUOTES DIPLO SOURCES THAT WORK ON SEVERAL CHINESE-FUNDED DEVEL PROJECTS IN VN HAS STOPPED; THAT CHINESE HAVE TOLD VIETS THEY ARE W/DRAWING TECH PERSONNEL/FUNDS FROM 20 PROJECTS SO MONEY CAN BE USED TO FEED/CLOTHE/HOUSE REFUGEES. QUOTES HK COMMUNIST SOURCES THAT PRC WOULD COMPLETE WORK ON PROJECTS THAT ARE WELL UNDERWAY (ALSO REUTER SINGAPORE 5/30). REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING 5/30) NOTES PRC REMAINED SILENT TUES ON SRV'S PROPOSAL 2 COUNTRIES HOLD TALKS ON CHINESE PROBLEM, WHICH SUGGESTED IN NOTE HANDED PRC AMB IN HANOI MONDAY.

LAT'S MATHEWS (HK, GLOBE; LAT--BOTH 5/26) SEES W/DRAWAL FON AID FROM SRV SIGN THAT RELS BETWN PRC/SRV FAST APPROACHING BREAKING POINT. NOTES CUTOFF HIGHLY REMINISCENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF WHAT MOSCOW DID TO PEKING AT ONSET SINO-SOVIET SPLIT IN EARLY 60S, THAT MOVE MAY DRIVE HANOI DEEPER INTO SOVIET CAMP. QUOTES RELIABLE DIPLO SOURCES THAT PRC HAS W/DRAWN 800 CHINESE TECHNICIANS/CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. SAYS MOST CRITICAL PROJECT HALTED IS TRANG LONG BRIDGE OVER RED RIVER IN HANOI NW SUBURB. PUTS TOTAL CHINESE ASSISTANCE AT 300 MIL DOLS ANNUALLY, MOSTLY IN LONG-TERM/INTEREST-FREE LOANS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 10. AUSTRALIA

SHAW (SUN SYDNEY 5/27) DOES ITEM ON AUSTRALIA'S FIGHT AGAINST US-STYLE DRUG CULTURE. NOTES TIGHTER LEGISLATION IN WORKS/HEAVIER PENALTIES BEING METED OUT IN ORDER COUNTER GROWING ADDICTION/DRUG-SMUGGLING.

#### 11. JAPAN

SAN DIEGO UNION EDIT (5/22) CITES ADMIN'S EAGERNESS SELL ARMS TO US ALLIES. FOCUSES ON PROPOSED 2.2-BIL-DOL US ARMS SALE TO JAPAN, WHICH IT APPROVES. OPINES JAPAN--W/GNP 2ND ONLY TO US AMONG INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES--"TOO TEMPTING" A PRIZE TO BE W/O MODERN DEFENSES IN THIS "LAWLESS WORLD."

12. CHINA

JACK ANDERSON (WP) CITES CASE OF "RELUCTANT SPY" RF CHEN, WHO HE SAYS ROC FORCED INTO BECOMING SPY. SAYS CHEN NEVER INTENDED "FULFILL THE ROLE THEY HAD PLANNED FOR ME." INSTEAD, TURNED HIMSELF OVER TO FBI IN NY/NOW AWAITS POL REFUGE. ANDERSON SAYS HE CONTACTED CHINESE EMB/WAITED UNCLASSIFIED

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FULL MONTH FOR COMMENT, "WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS."

SLP-D EDIT URGES UN SPECIAL DISARMAMENT SESSION CALL FRANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR SALE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY TO PRC. WARNS PEKING MAY USE WEAPONS AGAINST TAIWAN, BUT EVEN IF NOT, SUCH SALES MANIFEST DANGEROUS PRECEDENT (5/4).

LEPELLEY CARTOON (CSM) DEPICTS USSR AS GIANT BEAR LICKING FACE OF UNCLE SAM (WHO IS HOLDING GROCERY BAG LABELLED "DETENTE"). MAN LABELLED "CHINA" (HAVING OBVIOUSLY BEEN BITTEN BY BEAR) WHISPERS TO UNCLE SAM, "PSST, HE ACTS FRIENDLY, BUT HE BITES."

13. VIETNAM

NY POST'S WECHSLER (5/25) DISCUSSES DAVID TRUONG, ACQUAINTANCE OF 10 YRS, WHO "WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY HISTORY AS A CAPTIVE AND CASUALTY OF OUR TRAGIC MISADVENTURE IN VIETNAM." SAYS TRUONG HE HAS KNOWN IS NOT SAME PERSON KNOWN AS "ENEMY AGENT." CITES YRS TRUONG SPENT ENLISTING US AID TO FREE HIS FATHER WHO WAS IMPRISONED AFTER FINISHING 2ND IN VIET PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. SAYS TRUONG GAINED "WIDE RESPECT" ON CAPITOL HILL. CANNOT SAY WHAT MOTIVATED TRUONG TO SEND "DOCUMENTS OF DUBIOUS VALUE" TO VIETS IN PARIS, BUT CAN TESTIFY THAT HE DEDICATED HIMSELF TO NORMALIZATION OF RELS BETWN US/SRV. CONCLUDES HUMAN STORY OF TRUONG WARRANTS FAR MORE SERIOUS EXPLORATION THAN IT HAS RECEIVED.

14. VIETNAM/CHINA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) OBSERVES THAT SCOPE/SEVERITY HANOI'S PLAN TO RESETTLE 10 MIL PEOPLE IN COUNTRYSIDE OVER NEXT 20 YRS DWARFS FORCED EVACUATION OF REFUGEES DURING WAR/ COULD PROVE "ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY IN VN." NOTES IN LAST 2 YRS, 1.33 MIL UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELOCATED, BUT PROGRAM HAS "RUN INTO  
SERIOUS RESISTANCE" IN SOUTH/HAS COME TO VIRTUAL HALT. SAYS  
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS SLOWDOWN THAT HANOI DECIDED ABOLISH  
PRIV BUSINESS/ORDER URBAN RESIDENTS IN SOUTH TO NEW ECON

ZONES. ACCORDING HANOI'S PLAN, RELOCATION EXPECTED IN-  
CREASE VN'S CULTIVATED LAND AREA FROM 13.6 TO 25 MIL  
ACRES.

CSM EDIT NOTES THAT FLIGHT OF CHINESE FROM VN GIVES HOLLOW  
SOUND TO HANOI'S ASSERTION THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF  
NATION'S WORKING PEOPLE HAVE BEEN "ENTHUSIASTICALLY" TAKING  
PART IN PROGRAM TO ABOLISH PRIV BUSINESS. SAYS HANOI  
HAS MUCH TO ANSWER FOR IF USING FORCE TO NATIONALIZE  
BUSINESS/PERMITTING ETHNIC MISTREATMENT IT DENIES. CHRISTOPHER

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